

VIRGINIA'S CLAIM OF CHAMPIONSHIP

Louisiana Only Team in South That Can Dispute the Title.

STATE VARSITY DOES NOT RECOGNIZE RIGHT

Accusation of "Ringers" Puts J. of L. Out of Running—Proposed Line-Up for All-Star Southern Team—Virginia Will Take on Heavier Schedule for Next Year.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., December 5.—With a record of not having lost a game, and of having her goal line crossed but once, (that time by a fluke), the University of Virginia lays claim not only to the football championship of the South Atlantic States for the season of 1908, but of the entire South, as well.

There is but one team that can seriously dispute the Southern title with Virginia, and that is the University of Louisiana. But Virginia refuses to recognize Louisiana's claim, as it is open to the charge that Louisiana used at least five "ringers" throughout the season.

Virginia had one of the very best teams in her history, especially at the close of the season. The final game with North Carolina was easily won by a score of 21 to 0. Twenty-five points were scored in the first half, while the second period was played largely with subs in the line-up.

How the Teams Rank. Ignoring Louisiana, the Southern teams are ranked as follows: Virginia, first; Sewanee, second; Vanderbilt, third; Auburn, fourth; A. and M., fifth; George Washington, sixth; V. P. I., seventh; Georgetown, eighth; North Carolina, ninth; Tennessee, tenth.

It is extremely difficult to accurately place the teams in the South this year. The plan of following comparative scores leads the enthusiast almost in a circle. Sewanee and Virginia played a scoreless game early in the season, while the contest between Vanderbilt and Sewanee at the season's close, resulted in a 6 to 6 tie. Virginia decisively beat A. and M., while the latter team beat V. P. I. in the Thanksgiving contest. Yet V. P. I. held Princeton to a 19 to 0 score, and played the night in a standard. Despite V. P. I.'s splendid showing against Princeton and the Navy, and Vanderbilt's poor exhibition in her Michigan and Ohio State games, the football authorities here feel warranted in ranking Vandy above V. P. I.

Sewanee was perhaps sponger at the time she met Virginia than at any other time during the season, while Virginia steadily improved. With the grand form she showed on Thanksgiving, Virginia could have overwhelmed any team in the South, while Old Bluff of Yale, who umpired the game, declared that Virginia could have played Old Bluff to practically a tie.

The new style of play was vindicated in the South this year, and a number of schools have developed it. Among them are Vanderbilt, Sewanee, Tennessee, Louisiana and Auburn, there was a great deal of muck-raking, and many ugly charges made, chief of which were directed against Louisiana. The charge was overheard throughout the whole South, as far as sports playing was concerned, showed an improvement.

An All-Star Southern Team. Of course, the election of an all-star Southern team by Virginia trainers would be partial, but here it is for what it is worth.

Blake, Vanderbilt, right end; Faulkner, Sewanee, right tackle; Van Dyke, A. and M., right guard; Gloth, center, Virginia, center and captain; Hough, V. P. I., left guard; Garrett, North Carolina, left tackle; Elliott, Virginia, left end; Hornaker, Virginia, quarterback; Shax, Georgetown, right half; Markley, Sewanee, full back; Stanton, Virginia, left half.

Gloth, Virginia's captain and center, played the greatest football game he ever seen in the South. Stanton, a Californian, who deserted Yale for Virginia, was a sensation, especially in open field.

Virginia after two years of alumni athletics has decided to permanently accept the system of the half mile at the end of the season, and has been coached this season, and was headed by twelve former stars, who were here at different times.

The system is so satisfactory, and the prospects so good, that the school that Virginia will take on a considerably heavier schedule. Among others, an effort will be arranged with Vanderbilt, as it is unsatisfactory to each year "dope" on the championship on comparative scores. Virginia and Vanderbilt generally being the strongest disputants for the honor.

BERLIN WANTS GAMES. Likely, However, That Olympian Meet Will Go to Stockholm.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] BERLIN, December 5.—James Lightbody, winner of the half mile at the Athens Olympic games in 1906, is here in behalf of the German Athletic Union, endeavoring to dissuade the feeling of opinion in the committee in regard to the holding of the Olympic games in Berlin in 1912.

He told your correspondent to-day that it was not desirable that the games would be held in Berlin. He thought it more likely that they would be held in Stockholm, where there is a lack of class spirit especially among the army officers, in regard to sports than anywhere else. He said that there was a greater willingness to provide the necessary funds.

Lightbody said that the committee for the next games would be really international, thus avoiding the situation which, he believes, was the root of the trouble at the last meeting. This trouble arose from the difference of opinion in the committee in regard to the time of holding the games. The Greeks insisted that the proper celebration of the festival should be the original festival would bring the games in 1908, 1909 and 1910. In accordance with their claim, Athens will hold Olympic games in 1910.

A QUINTETTE OF THE PAST SEASON'S FOOTBALL STARS



EDWARD H. COV, Yale's Full Back and '09 Captain.

FRANK MOUNT PLEASANT, Dickenson's Quarter and '09 Captain.

GOEBEL, Yale's Right Guard.

DAN PULLEN, West Point's Right Tackle and '09 Captain.

HUNTER SCARLETT, Penn's Right End.

TIGERS SWAMP THE HOWITZERS

Amateur Championship of City Decided in Fiercely Fought Contest.

SCORE, 20 TO 0. IS A SURPRISE

Tyler and MacFarland, of Tigers, Were Stars of Game Yesterday.

Before an enthusiastic crowd of 500 rooters, the Tigers yesterday afternoon defeated the Richmond Howitzers to the tune of 20 to 0. The score does not by any means tell of the fierceness of the struggle, as the touchdown was for the most part made as a result of long runs. This victory leaves the undisputed championship of the city to the Tigers (called the Tigers) who have been for the slashing line lunge of Tyler, the Tigers' right half, and of the fine running back of MacFarland, and as the game progressed they showed the effects of their good training.

The teams lined up for the kick-off at 2:30 when the Tigers' former V. P. I. star, kicked to the Tigers' five-yard line, where the ball was turned back to the Howitzers' center, who made three yards through Levering, and Murphy added two more around the Howitzer left end, and the Tigers then kicked to the center of the field, where he was tackled in his tracks.

After a futile attempt to get through the line, the Howitzers were penalized five yards for being offside. Sheppard then kicked to the ten-yard line, and Ridenour carried the ball back ten yards before being downed.

The Tigers then tried a fake, which netted them nothing, but on the next play Captain Tyler made a pretty gain play, carrying the ball through right tackle. He then carried the ball about five yards further on the other side of the line.

On the next play, with the ball about in the center of the field, MacFarland, the Tigers' quarter back, made one of the longest runs of the game, circling the Howitzer right end for twenty-five yards, where he was finally stopped by behind by Sheppard, without any gain. The Tigers then lost five yards around the Howitzers' right end, placing the ball on the eleven-yard line.

On a line play, the Howitzers added four more. The ball was then given over to the Tigers, who carried it to the first touchdown in about nine minutes of play. Augustine failed to kick the goal. Score, 6 to 0.

The kick-off, which the Howitzers received on their fifteen-yard line, a series of line plays failed to gain any distance, and they were forced to punt. Ridenour ran the ball back five yards, and returned the kick a few moments later, as they kicked again, and the ball went out about the middle of the field. From this point, Captain Tyler gained ten yards around right end, and Ridenour added eight through tackle. Tyler then made it first down again.

MacFarland at this point unhooked another of his runs for twenty-five yards, and the Tigers' line-up, and the ball was then given over to the Howitzers, who were kicked to the center of the field, where Ridenour was downed without any gain. The Tigers then lost five yards on a double pass, and were forced to punt.

The remainder of the half was mostly taken up in a kicking duel, and time was called with the ball in the Tigers' possession at about the center of the field.

Second Half. At the beginning of the half Lloyd was substituted for Atkinson, and the Howitzers' line-up, and the ball was then given over to the Tigers, who carried it to the first forward pass of the game was tried, and the Tigers gained about ten yards on it. Several more plays brought the ball to the center of the field, where another forward pass was tried, which was unsuccessful, as the ball touched the ground.

They were then forced to kick, as they were penalized fifteen yards for the pass, and the Howitzers have possession of the ball on their own thirty-yard line. After two runs by Sheppard, who gained about five yards,

HOUNDS GO OVER UNTRIED SECTION

Field of Fifteen Runs Reynard to Earth in a Rough Country.

SCORE, 10 TO 0.

LEESBURG, Va., December 5.—The Loudoun-Grafton Hounds, after a few days' rest, were out in the field yesterday over an untried section around Waspool. The country is very rough, and is noted for the number of gray foxes in cover. Two were routed, one being dunned, and the trail of the other lost after an exciting run of several miles. The hounds, under the master, Harry W. Smith, were followed by a field of fifteen, all well mounted.

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EASTERN COLLEGE HAS GOOD SEASON

It Now Presents Claim to Championship of Shenandoah Valley.

FRONT ROYAL, Va., December 5.—

Eastern College closed the most successful football season in its history Thanksgiving Day afternoon, by defeating Alexandria Athletic Association, 45 to 0. The eleven rolled up a total of 101 points in the last four games played, while its opponents failed to score. In these four games, only two first downs were made against Eastern, one by Bethel Military Institute, and the other by Charlesown Athletic Club. The other two pair of teams which could not gain the required distance were Augusta Military Academy and Alexandria.

The following are the results of the season's schedule: October, 10th—Eastern, 0; Washington University, 21. October 23d—Eastern, 0; Augusta Military Academy, 5. October 24th—Eastern, 0; Washington and Lee University, 40. October 31st—Eastern, 4; Bethel Military Institute, 5. November 7th—Eastern, 14; Bethel Military Institute, 0. November 8th—Eastern, 7; Augusta Military Academy, 0. November 23d—Eastern, 35; Charlesown Athletic Club, 0. November 26th—Eastern, 45; Alexandria Athletic Association, 0. Total—Eastern, 105; opponents, 80.

Eastern held George Washington University to one of the smallest scores of the season. The Hatchettes were only able to make one touchdown in the first half. The game played by Eastern was all the more remarkable on account of it being the team's first game, and initial line-up, because a scrub team was unavailable.

The second game, with Augusta, was lost on a fluke. An opponent picked up a fumble and ran nearly the length of the field. Eastern had the better of the contest throughout.

With five of the regular players out of the game, Eastern was defeated by Washington and Lee. Had the team been in proper shape the score would have been much smaller.

The first game of the two between Bethel and Eastern was won by the former by a single point. Eastern had an off-day and played sloppy ball.

These four games were played abroad, which somewhat handicapped the team. Bethel was the first team to oppose Eastern on its home gridiron. In two twenty-five-minute halves, Eastern completely showed its superiority.

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HONAKER CHOSEN TO LEAD VARSITY

Texan Quarterback Is Elected Captain of Virginia Team for Next Season.

HAS A GREAT RECORD

First Proved Himself a Star by Sensational Play in Carlisle Game.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., December 5.—Sam W. Honaker, of Plano, Tex., was this afternoon chosen captain of the Virginia football team for next year. The election took place immediately after the varsity team was photographed on the gymnasium steps, the group being composed of the thirteen players who were awarded their letter.

Honaker has played three years as quarter back on the varsity team. He made his debut in a contest against the Carlisle Indians, the game being the last on the Virginia schedule of that season. In the first half he picked his way through the whole Redskins line, going eighty yards for a touchdown. Later in the game he made sensational runs, and at once established himself as an open field runner of the first rank. For the past two seasons he has added to his reputation. In the North Carolina contest, Thanksgiving Day, his generalship was practically flawless. Despite his weight—185 pounds—he won through the past season without injury.

President, William H. Hotchkiss, Buffalo, N. Y.; First Vice-President, L. R. Spence, Boston, Mass.; Second Vice-President, Ira M. Cobb, Chicago, Ill.; Third Vice-President, Frank M. Joyce, Minneapolis, Minn.; Treasurer, H. A. Bonnell, East Orange, N. J.; Secretary, F. H. Elliott, New York.

President Hotchkiss immediately announced the appointment of the following chairmen of boards: Legislative Board, Charles T. Tarry, New York; Good Roads Board, G. Gordon Mott, Cincinnati, O.; Contest Board, E. B. Hower, Buffalo, N. Y.; Touring Information Board, Powell C. Evans, Philadelphia.

The racing board was abolished and its functions vested in the contest board.

The following executive committee, in addition to the president, first vice-president, secretary and treasurer and board chairmen, was named: S. A. Miles, New York; H. O. Smith, Indianapolis, Ind.; William E. Metzger, Detroit, Mich.; Oliver A. Quayle, Albany, N. Y.; Paul C. Wolff, Pittsburgh, Pa.; W. C. Crosby, East Orange, N. J.; James T. Drought, Milwaukee, Wis.; C. H. Gillette, Hartford, Conn.; Frank G. Webb, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Frank M. Joyce, Minneapolis, Minn.; J. P. Coghlin, Worcester, Mass.; L. E. Myers, Chicago, Ill.; Edwin S. George, Detroit, Mich.; John H. Bancroft, Wilmington, Del.; L. J. Powers, Jr., Springfield, Mass.; H. M. Rowe, Baltimore, Md.

The first three named were officially designated by the National Association of Automobile Manufacturers at its executive committee meeting to serve on the board of directors and executive committee of the American Automobile Association hereafter. This action on the part of the national body of manufacturers draws such body and the representative American body of motorists still closer together, and evidences a community of interest and co-operation that should have notable results.

MANCHESTER GAME WITH WEST END CALLED OFF. Manchester was forced to cancel the game with the West End Invincibles yesterday on account of a loss of several of her best men. This was due to have been a result to the final at Bird Park, as both teams have good records back of them, and have been training hard for the game since Thanksgiving day. The Manchester players put up a plucky fight against the Tigers, the city champions several weeks ago, while the Invincibles have not been scored on this season.

LUCKY WARRIORS GET THEIR "V'S"

Five of This Number Were Honored With the Initial Last Season.

VIRGINIA PROSPECTS EXCEEDINGLY BRIGHT

Varsity Will Start Next Season With Practically All of This Year's Squad—Richard W. Carrington, of Richmond, Will Be the Manager.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., December 5.—At a meeting to-day of the executive committee of the General Athletic Association of the University of Virginia the report of Manager Floyd, of the football team, was discussed, and "V's" awarded to those eligible. Thirteen men received the coveted letter, five of whom were honored last season. The list of the lucky eridion warriors who received the stamp of approval follows: Captain, William C. Gloth, of Erie, Pa.; William C. Gloth, of Allsboro, Va.; Matt. H. Murphy, of Greensboro, Ala.; Horace Geyer, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Byron Russell Cecil, of Kansas, Mo.; Hedley McN. Bowen, of Brainerd, Va.; John Speed Elliott, of Booneville, Mo.; Sam W. Honaker, of Plano, Tex.; Forrest O. Stanton, of Los Angeles, Cal.; John J. Neff, Jr., of Harrisonburg, Va.; Edwin W. Holladay, of Charlottesville, Va.; Kemper Vancey, of Harrisonburg, Va.; and Daniel C. Moomaw, of Roanoke, Va.

All But One Eligible. Of the above players, all will be eligible for next year's team except Neff, who has played on the eleven four years. The outlook for a strong team in 1909 is exceedingly bright, since practically the whole of last year's aggregation will probably be on hand, and there is no doubt but that some promising new men will show up at the opening of the season next September.

The manager of next year's team will be Mr. Richard W. Carrington, of Richmond, Va.

In the eight games played during the season, the Virginia team scored eighteen touchdowns, thirteen goals and one safety, a total of 106 points, as again made by her opponents. To the Virginia team, the honor of being the only eleven to score on the Orange and Blue, they made a touchdown following a blocked punt near the end of the first half, and later in the contest followed it up with a goal from placement.

Victories in the number of points scored, with four touchdowns and seven goals, a total of twenty-seven. Next comes Yancey, with four touchdowns, and four goals, a total of twenty-one points. Stanton follows, with one point less, having made four touchdowns. A star him the order is as follows: Honaker, five touchdowns, five points each; Bowen and Wilson, with five each with four goals out of five in the Carolina games, with two goals, and Murphy, who is credited with a safety in the Carolina game. Virginia has won her games in a wonderful way, from drop-kick or placement having been made during the entire season.

ONE-ARMED WONDER. Young Athletic, Though Maimed, Plays as a Normal Human Being.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WORCESTER, MASS., December 5.—William Nardi, a member of the local high school football squad, is probably the only one-armed football player in the country. He is also an adept at playing baseball, and is no second-rate as an outfielder. He is a native of Italy, he rows on the crack Worcester High School crew.

Young Nardi earned his "v" with the football team, and was then obliged to quit school and help out in the little fruit store run by his parents. The student athlete, who is now fifteen years old, in a recent football game in this city Nardi was the whole team. He played at left tackle. The one-armed wonder was in the field throughout the first half, and as a last resort the quarter back decided to let Nardi have a chance at a pass, and he cleared the field for seventy yards, a touchdown and victory.

Hotchkiss used a glove. He can pitch all sorts of curves, and makes stops on either side, as though favored with his two wings. In rowing the Nardi is considered marvellous, and he has easily won his place on the crew.

With this brilliant record the young athlete must now turn to the banana stand to help the family exchequer.

WILL TRAIN AT MACON. Arrangements Made for Southern Trip of the High School Team.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, December 5.—George Stallings, manager of the New York American League team, arrived here late this afternoon from Macon, Ga., where he completed all arrangements for the spring training of the players next March. Stallings said that he had engaged rooms at the best hotel in Macon, and had also secured the use of the ball park for about one month. He stated that he had ordered the candidates to report here about the first of March, and that, as soon as Macon was reached, they would have to work without delay. "I ought to take thirty men to Macon," said the new manager, "and all of them will have a fair trial. I have pretty much an idea about the merits of some of the men. But it is too early to make any predictions as to the makeup of the Highlanders."

Hodgson Is Captain. BLACKSBURG, Va., December 5.—Emory R. Hodgson, 1910, has been elected captain of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute football team for 1909.

Hodgson came to V. P. I. two years ago from Georgetown University, and has always played a star game, being picked back year for all Southern honors. As a punter he has probably no equal in the South. Coach Brown, of Washington and Lee, says of him: "Hodgson's kicking is in itself equal to a strong defense."

The Princeton and Navy teams this year were scored on by V. P. I. last year. The field goal by Hodgson. He plays right guard, and is a powerful man, and has thorough knowledge of the game, having played in many of the trick plays used successfully by the Techs this year. It is safe to say that hardly a better man could have been chosen, and the Techs in 1909, under Hodgson, will have a good leader.

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